

Town of Mansfield Traffic Authority
Minutes of the Meeting
February 23, 2010

Present: Hart, Jackman, Meitzler, Padick

The minutes from 01/26/10 were reviewed and approved by consensus.

OLD BUSINESS

Pedestrian Awareness Campaign – no update; Hultgren is the primary staff member working on this issue.

Rte 195 near Clover Mill Road bus stop – no feedback from DOT or new information to report

Signal timing, S. Eagleville at Rte 32 –Members discussed recent backups at this intersection and it was reported that the DOT might have made recent adjustments to the signal timing. It was agreed to continue to monitor the functioning of this intersection.

Bus Stop Shelter for Wrights Way –A chart prepared by the WRTD with rider data and comments regarding Mansfield bus stops was reviewed. Three priority locations for new bus shelters were identified by the WRTD. One of the priority locations is a replacement shelter in Mansfield Center (soon to be replaced) and the other two proposed shelters would serve the Foster Drive Apartments. The WRTD did not indicate a need for a Wright's Way bus shelter. It was decided to refer the potential Wright's Way bus stop to Public Works for further review.

Willowbrook Road Neighborhood Concerns – Meitzler reported that since the last meeting he had made 16 observations of the Willowbrook/Storrs Road intersection area and with a few minor exceptions he did not confirm a significant parking problem. No parking signs for the area closest to this intersection were authorized at the last meeting and will soon be installed. With respect to through traffic and intersection issues, it was agreed to continue monitoring this neighborhood.

Speed Hump Location Complaint on Conantville Road –This issue will continue to be monitored by the Public Works Department

Storrs Road Preliminary Design Plans –Padick and Jackman reported that they had reviewed the preliminary designs for Storrs Road and had found the plans consistent with the STC approved mapping. Padick noted that a pedestrian crosswalk between Bolton and Mansfield Roads, which was depicted on the concept plans approved by the PZC, was not included on either the STC

approved plans or the preliminary design plans. STC and the DOT have final approval over crosswalk locations.

New Business

Speed Hump height complaint: Depot Road- Members discussed a concern regarding the height of a speed hump located to the east of the Discovery Depot driveway. One or more motorists have driven around this hump and have damaged a lawn area east of the subject driveway. After discussion it was agreed to refer this to Meitzler for recommendations for potential curbing or barriers to restrict driving around the speed hump.

School Facilities Project- Hart related that a potential concern had been brought to his attention regarding traffic impacts that may arise if the Town pursues a consolidated elementary school at the Southeast School site. Members noted that any consolidated school project application to the PZC and State DOT would necessitate professionally prepared traffic studies and that any significant traffic impact would have to be addressed. It also was noted that the anticipated traffic associated with a consolidated elementary school would likely be similar to cumulative traffic now associated with the three existing elementary schools and to the traffic associated with the Middle School, which has approximately the number of students that are planned for the consolidated school. Members agreed that Warrenville Road and affected intersections with nearby state and local roads likely would have capacity to accommodate a consolidated school at this site and that the primary traffic issue would be managing on-site traffic associated with school busses and parent pickups. Onsite traffic management would need to be specifically addressed in any site design submitted for PZC approval. Meitzler agreed to monitor existing traffic at Mansfield schools.

Respectfully Submitted,

Gregory Padick
Director of Planning